



STATE OF INDIANA
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State House, Second Floor
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor

May 4, 2007

The Honorable B. Patrick Bauer
Speaker
Indiana House of Representatives
State House
Indianapolis, IN

Dear Speaker Bauer and Members of the Indiana House of Representatives:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Indiana, under the provisions of Article 5, Section 14, of the Constitution of the State of Indiana, I do hereby veto House Enrolled Act No. 1429, enacted during the regular session of the 115th General Assembly. The bill would increase fees paid to attorneys in cases where Medicaid liens are recovered. It mandates a three-fold increase in the lawyers' share of recoveries in certain personal injury cases where a Medicaid lien exists against any compensation a plaintiff might obtain, with no demonstrable prospect that *total recoveries* (to reimburse Medicaid) would increase as a result. The more likely outcome of higher attorney fees would be less money flowing back to taxpayers and the Indiana Patients Compensation Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M E Daniels, Jr.".

House Enrolled Act

No. 1429

Mr. Daniels
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B. Cabot Brown

Speaker of the House

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Principal Clerk of the House